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SUBJECT: IEA: STANDING GROUP ON EMERGENCY QUESTIONS MEETING

1. SUMMARY. IEA STANDING GROUP ON EMERGENCY QUESTIONS (SEQ), CHAIRED BY VAN RHIJN OF THE NETHERLANDS, MET NOVEMBER 25 TO DISCUSS WORK PROGRAM, FUTURE CONTACTS WITH OIL COMPANIES, AND SPECIAL SECTION OF IEA INFORMATION SYSTEM. GROUP ESTABLISHED FOUR AD HOC WORKING PARTIES. NEXT SEQ MEETING, NOW SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 18 IN PARIS, WILL FOCUS ON PAPERS TO BE PREPARED BY DATA AND BUNKERS WORKING PARTIES. END SUMMARY

2. WORK PROGRAM: SEQ AGREED TOPPRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO DEVELOPMENT OF DATA COLLECTION AND OIL ALLOCATION SYSTEMS UNDER IEA PROGRAM. LESS PRESSING ISSUES, SUCH AS DEFINITION OF BASE PERIOD, DATE FOR 90-DAY STOCK COMMITMENT, AND ASSESSMENT OF FUEL-SWITCHING AND STAND-BY PRODUCTION CAPACITY, SHOULD BE LEFT FOR LATER CONSIDERATION. AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION, SEQ FORMED FOUR AD HOC WORKING PARTIES (MAXIMUM MEMBERSHIP SIX) TO CONSIDER:
-- DATA AND ALLOCATION
-- BUNKERS
-- NAPTHA
-- STOCKS
A. DATA AND ALLOCATION WORKING PARTY, CONSISTING OF FRG, ITALY, JAPAN, UK, U.S. AND SWEDEN, AND CHAIRED BY VAN RHIJN, MEETS DECEMBER 10 AND 11 (IF NECESSARY) IN EITHER THE HAGUE OR AMSTERDAM. WORKING PARTY WILL DISCUSS OIL COMPANIES REPORT ON EMERGENCY ALLOCATION SYSTEM, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY DEC. 6. REPORT WILL SERVE AS BASIS FOR WORKING PARTY PAPER TO BE SUBMITTED TO NEXT SEQ MEETING, NOW SCHEDULED FOR 9:45 A.M., DECEMBER 18, IN PARIS.
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PRESSED FOR EARLIER WORKING PARTY AND SEQ MEETING. SEQ CHAIRMAN, HOWEVER, INSISTED THAT SUFFICIENT TIME MUST BE PROVIDED FOR CONSIDERATION OF WORKING PARTY PAPER IN CAPITALS BEFORE NEXT STANDING GROUP, AND GOVERNING BOARD MEETINGS.)
B. BUNKERS WORKING PARTY, CONSISTING OF NETHERLANDS, ITALY, JAPAN, SPAIN, UK AND U.S. (WITH SWISS, AS NEEDED, ON AVIATION BUNKERS), MEETS DEC. 8-9 IN PARIS. JAPANESE

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WERE PROPOSED FOR CHAIRMANSHIP BUT INDICATED THEY
PROBABLY WOULD BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT. U.S. WAS SOLICITED,
AND ACCEPTED, TO ACT AS CHAIRMAN IN EVENT JAPANESE
DECLINED. (MISSION HAS JUST BEEN INFORMED THAT JAPANESE
HAVE NOW FORMALLY DECLINED.)
C. NAPTHA AD HOC WORKING PARTY, CHAIRED BY SWISS,
WILL MEET DECEMBER 19 IN PARIS. PARTY CONSISTS OF
BELGIUM, FRG, AUSTRIA, UK, SWITZERLAND AND SPAIN.
D. STOCKS WORKING PARTY, CHAIRED BY CANADA
(TENTATIVELY) AND CONSISTING OF DENMARK, ITALY, TURKEY,
UK, AND U.S. WILL NOT MEET UNTIL NEW STOCKS DATA
RECEIVED FROM SECRETARIAT.
(NOTE: SECRETARIAT NOW PREPARING REVISED VERSION OF
ECG 71 STOCK/DEMAND RESTRAINT QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE
CIRCULATED TO ALL IEA MEMBERS IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS.)
3. SECRETARIAT WILL BRIEF THOSE IEA COUNTRIES NOT
PARTICIPATING IN EACH OF THE AD HOC GROUPS ON PROGRESS
OF WORKING PARTIES, AT 9:15 A.M., DECEMBER 12.

4. CONTACTS WITH OIL COMPANIES:
UK REP INFORMED GROUP OF RESULTS OF NOV. 21-22
MEETING WITH OIL COMPANIES (ON BASIS OF INFORMATION FROM

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MR. HOPKINS). SEQ AGREED THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH OIL INDUSTRY IF IEA IS TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN AN EFFECTIVE EMERGENCY ALLOCATION SYSTEM. REST OF GROUP REACHED CONSENSUS THAT SUCH CONTACTS WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE IF ESTABLISHED BETWEEN IEA AND REPRESENTATIVE INDUSTRY GROUP ON PERMANENT BASIS, AND THAT CONTACTS SHOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED TO BILATERAL, SECRETARIAT-COMPANY EXCHANGES. U.S. REP SAID THAT, PENDING RESOLUTION OF U.S. ANTITRUST PROBLEM, HE WOULD HAVE TO RESERVE ON SUPPORT OF IEA LIAISON WITH PERMANENT INDUSTRY COMMITTEE. VAN RHIJN, SUMMARIZING VIEWS OF ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP, STRESSED THAT RESOLUTION OF U.S. ANTITRUST PROBLEM IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO GROUP IN DECIDING HOW BEST TO FACILITATE EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH OIL INDUSTRY. GROUP URGED U.S. TO REACH DECISION ON ANTITRUST QUESTION BY DECEMBER 15 AT LATEST.

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5. INFORMATION SYSTEM REPORT: SECRETARIAT WORKING PAPER WAS DISCUSSED IN DETAIL. IT WAS AGREED THAT PAPER, ALONG WITH THE OIL COMPANIES'PAPERON ALLOCATION SYSTEM, WOULD PROVIDE BASIS FOR THE DATA AND ALLOCATION WORKING PARTY REPORT TO NEXT SEQ MEETING.
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